

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The 23rd December, 1968

No. 9018-ASOIII-HBII-68/0846.—Whereas the Governor of Haryana is satisfied that the State of Haryana is threatened with an outbreak of a dangerous epidemic disease, namely, smallpox and that the ordinary provisions of the law for the time being in force are insufficient for the purpose ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Governor of Haryana makes the following regulations, namely :—

1. These regulations may be called the Haryana Epidemic Diseases Regulations, 1968.
2. In these regulations,—
 - (a) "epidemic disease" means smallpox ;
 - (b) "inspection post" means any place which may be declared by the Deputy Commissioner to be an inspection post ; and
 - (c) "inspecting officer" means inspecting officer appointed by the Chief Medical Officer of the district.
3. An inspecting officer who is unavoidably prevented from discharging all or any of the functions may, by order in writing, appoint any Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Superintendent of Vaccination or Vaccinator temporarily to discharge the functions of inspecting officer, and the Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer, Sanitary Inspector, Superintendent of Vaccination or Vaccinator so appointed shall, so far as such functions are concerned, be deemed for the purpose of these regulations to be an inspecting officer.
4. An inspecting officer may, at his inspection post, direct any person travelling by railway to remain in the carriage in which he is travelling or to leave the carriage in which he is travelling and come on the platform or on the line, and may prohibit any such person from leaving the platform or line or the inspection post.
5. An inspecting officer may, at his inspection post, inspect any person travelling by railway or by road in such manner and to such extent as he thinks necessary in order to ascertain whether there is any reason to believe or suspect that such person is or may be suffering from smallpox ; provided that such inspection or examination shall not be made in any manner or to any extent to which such person objects.
6. An inspecting officer may put to any such person travelling by railway or by road any question he thinks fit in order to ascertain whether there is reason to believe or suspect that such person is or may be suffering from smallpox and that person shall be bound to answer truly any question so put to him.
7. Where as a result of such inspection or examination or otherwise the inspecting officer considers that there is reason to believe or suspect that the person so inspected or examined or otherwise is or may be infected with an epidemic disease, or where any person makes any objection under the proviso to regulation 5, the inspecting officer may direct that such person be removed to, and detained in, any isolation camp or hospital established by the Deputy Commissioner, until the inspecting officer certifies in writing that in his opinion there is no longer any reason to believe or suspect such person to be infected by smallpox.
8. Any person in respect of whom a direction has not been given under regulation 7 may apply to the inspecting officer to be allowed to attend upon any person in respect of whom such a direction has been given and the inspecting officer shall, except for reasons to be recorded by him in writing, grant such application.
9. Any person who has made an application under regulation 8 and whose application has been granted shall be detained in such building, tent or other place whether near the inspection post or elsewhere as the inspecting officer may direct.
10. Any person in respect of whom a direction under regulation 7 or regulation 9 has been given shall not leave any place in which inspecting officer has directed him to be detained until the inspecting officer or a registered medical practitioner nominated by the inspecting officer in this behalf certifies, in writing, that, in his opinion, there is no longer any reason to believe or suspect such person to be infected by smallpox or that there is no longer any reason for retaining such person, as the case may be.
11. An inspecting officer may order the disinfection of any article which is or has been in the possession of a person in respect of whom the inspecting officer considers to have been in dangerous proximity to such person ; provided that compensation may, in the discretion of the officer empowered by regulation 13, to award the same, be paid for the destruction or injury of any article in possession of the said person.
12. An inspecting officer may enter any premises for the purpose of vaccination or of inspection of a case of smallpox or suspected case of smallpox or for disinfection.
13. Applications for the payment of compensation under regulation 11 may be made to the District Magistrate of the district concerned who shall upon receipt of any such application determine by order, in writing, the amount of such compensation, if any, and such order shall be final.
14. These regulations shall remain in force from the date of issue to the 31st December, 1969.